

VERMONT—1899.

Fifty-seventh Annual. Burlington.

June, 13th.

R. E. Sir Knight Jesse E. Thompson, Grand Commander, presided over the Fifty-seventh Annual.

The Grand Commander gave an address—no, a report, and so full of reports, circulars with excursion rates, long list of representatives to and from, etc., that we have not the time or patience to wade through it.

The proceedings are local, but we note the following resolution which was adopted:—

Resolved, That all members of the Grand Commandery when in attendance upon the Annual Grand Conclave, shall appear in full Templar uniform, unless excused therefrom.

We note this is the law in many Jurisdictions, but the formal motion invariably made and carried, that the Sir Knights be excused from attending in uniform *at this session* always nullifies the regulation.

Sir Knight Kittredge Haskins, P.G.C., presents his sixth report, and it is as usual an able one. He states that

Every Knight Templar should be an earnest and active Chapter Mason as it is through the Chapter that the Commanderies are recruited. Also, every officer of a Commandery should be a regular attendant upon its conclaves, and never think of having his post filled by another Sir Knight.

And the same we heartily endorse, and we have always endeavored to live up to it.

Canada, 1898, is reviewed, and the Grand Master's address styled a business-like document. He apparently takes exception to the Grand Master's remarks regarding Canadian Ritual Manual, Uniform, etc.,